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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. (to be assigned); filed (herewith)
For: **Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use
Thereof in Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine Production**
Inventors: Liaw *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.0730001/SRL/TBB

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use thereof
in Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine Production**

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 21 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (claims 1-23); and
 - iii. 1 page abstract;
 - b. Two (2) sheets of drawings (Figures 1A and 1B); and
 - c. An original executed Declaration for Patent Application;
4. Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (in duplicate);
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 6. A Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), executed on behalf of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company;
 7. Two sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1A and 1B);
 8. Two (2) return postcards; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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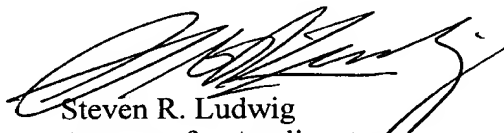
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